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STATE SENATOR

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Testimony on Confirmation of Judy Schieble, Mark Hanna and Mark Lee to the Wisconsin Aerospace Authority Board

February 14, 2005

Good morning Chairman Lassa and distinguished committee members, I appreciate you holding this hearing for the confirmations of Judy Schieble, Mark Hanna and Mark Lee to the Wisconsin Aerospace Authority Board.

Through the bi-partisan efforts of the both the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly, I am thrilled that we are confirming the first members of the Wisconsin Aerospace Authority (WAA) Board. This board has the privilege and challenge of planning and executing the construction of a Spaceport in Sheboygan for the purpose of conducting aerospace services that promote, advance, and facilitate space exploration and space-related commercial, technological, and educational development.

Judy Schieble and Mark Hanna are well-qualified, local community leaders who will effectively serve on the WAA Board.

Judy has been involved in the Rockets for Schools program, a great educational program that provides an opportunity for students to learn about aerospace technology, scientific experiments, and space launches, for over 10 years. In addition, Judy has taught in the Sheboygan Area School District since 1979. Her advocacy, leadership, and enthusiasm for education and community projects demonstrates that she has the dedication required to serve on the WAA Board and create a spaceport in Wisconsin.

Mark Hanna currently serves as a Sheboygan Alderman where he has worked to find tough compromises on complex issues important to the City of Sheboygan. He, too, has been involved in education in Sheboygan, serving on the school board and offering his time and talent to Governor Doyle's Task Force on Educational Excellence. Mark's experience in the Sheboygan City Council coupled with his ability to effectively educate others about complex issues will make him an asset to the WAA Board.

Finally, Mark Lee's is one of our nation's most experienced and respected astronauts and his local passion for developing a renewed interest in space for the children of our state make him a valuable resource to the WAA Board and to

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our efforts to develop a Space Science and Education Center at Spaceport Sheboygan.

Wisconsin is beginning to explore the potential of a new economic frontier – space! The WAA will help lead this exploration and provide direction and insight. While Spaceport Sheboygan may sound “out of this world”, we have already taken the first step for it to become a reality. The confirmation of Mark, Judy and Mark to the WAA Board will be another step in the right direction for this exciting opportunity.

Again, I respectfully ask that you support each of these appointments to the WAA Board. I extend a message of appreciation to Mark, Judy and Mark for their willingness to serve and I thank you for taking the time to hold this hearing today.